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The Constancy of SUSANNA.
To an Excellent New tune.



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 of reputation great by fame,
 He took to wife a fair woman,
 Susanna was she call'd by name:
 A woman fair and vertuous,
 Lady, Lady,
 why should not we of her learn thus
 to love Godly?
 Vertuously her life she led,
 He feared God, she stood in awe,
 As in the story you may read,
 was well brought up in Moses law.
 Her Parents they were Godly folk,
 Lady, Lady,
 why should not we then talk
 of this Lady:
 That year two Judges there was made
 which were the Elders of Babylon,
 To Joachims house was all their trade,
 who was Sussannas husband,
 Joachim was a great Rich man,
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 for this Lady.
 Joachim had an Orchard by,
 fast joyning to his house or palace,
 Whereas Susanna commonly,
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 And that these Elders soon esp'd,
 Lady, Lady,
 And privately themselves did hide,
 for that Lady,
 Her chaste and constant life was try'd
 by these Elders of Babylon,
 A time consentent they esp'd,
 to have this Lady all alone:

In this Orchard it came to passe,
 Lady, Lady,
 Where she alone her self did wash
 her fair body,
 The Elders came to her anon,
 & thus they said, fair said god speed,
 The doors are fast, the Maids are gone
 consent to us and do this deed:
 For we are men of no mistrust,
 Lady Lady,
 And yet to thee we have a lust,
 O fair Lady,
 If that to us thou dost say nay,
 a testimonial we will bring,
 We will say that one with thee lay.
 how canst thou then avoid this thing?
 Therefore consent and to us turn,
 Lady, Lady,
 For we to thee in lust do burn,
 O fair Lady.
 Then did she Egh, and said alas!
 now woe is me on every side,
 Was ever wretch in such a case,
 shall I consent and do this deed?
 Whether I do or do not,
 Lady Lady,
 It is my death right well I wot,
 O true Lady.
 Better it were for me to fall
 into your hands, and be guiltless,
 Than that I should consent at all
 to this your shameful wickedness:
 And even with that (where as she stood)
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These Elders both likewise again,
 against Susanna aloud they cry'd,
 These filthy lust could not obtain,
 their wickedness they thought to hide
 Hence her friends they then her brought
 Lady, lady,
 And with all speed the life was sought
 of that lady.
 On the morrow she was brought forth,
 before the people for to stand,
 That they might hear & know the truth
 how these two Elders Susanna found,
 The Elders swore and thus did say,
 lady lady,
 How that they saw a Young man lay
 with this lady.
 Judgment there was for no offence,
 Susanna causeless she must die,
 These Elders bore such evidence,
 against her they did verifie:
 Who were believed then indeed,
 lady lady,
 Against Susanna to proceed,
 that she should die.
 Susannas friends that stood by her,
 they did lament and were full woe,
 When as they saw no remedy,
 but that to death she then must go,
 Then unto him that is so just,
 lady lady,
 In God was all her hope and trust,
 to him they cry.
 The Lord her voice heard, & beheld
 the Daughters cry of Israel,
 His Spirit he raised in a child,
 whose name was call'd young Daniel
 Who cry'd aloud whereas he stood,
 lady, lady,
 I am clear of the guiltless blood
 of this Lady.

Are you such fools? qu. Daniel then,
 in Judgment you have not done well
 Nor yet the right way have you gone,
 to judge the Daughter of Israel,
 By this witness of false dishonour,
 lady lady,
 Wherefore to Judgment turn again
 for that Lady.
 And when to Judgment they were set,
 he called for these wicked men,
 And soon he did them separate,
 putting the one from the other then
 He askt the first where he did see
 that fair Lady,
 He said, Under a Mulberry-tree,
 who lyed falsly.
 Thou lyest, said Daniel, on thy head,
 thy sentence is before the Lord,
 He bad that forth he might be led,
 and bring the other that bare record
 To see how they two did agree,
 lady, lady,
 He said under a Pomegranate tree,
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 Said Daniel, as he did before,
 behold the Messenger of the Lord
 Stands waiting at the door,
 even to cut thee with a sword:
 And even with that the multitude,
 aloud did cry,
 Give thanks to God, and so conclude,
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 They dealt like with these wicked men
 according as the Scripture saith,
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